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BME2054 – MALAYSIAN ECONOMY

(All sections / Groups)

27 MAY 2019
9.00AM – 11.00AM

(2 Hours)

INSTRUCTIONS TO STUDENTS

1. This Question paper consists of 2 pages with 4 Questions only.
2. Attempt **ALL** questions. All questions carry equal marks and the distribution of the marks for each question is given.
3. Please print all your answers in the Answer Booklet provided.

QUESTION 1

a) One of the six strategic thrusts of the 11th Malaysia Plan is "accelerating human capital development for an advanced nation". Provide a brief explanation of the strategic thrust. (10 marks)

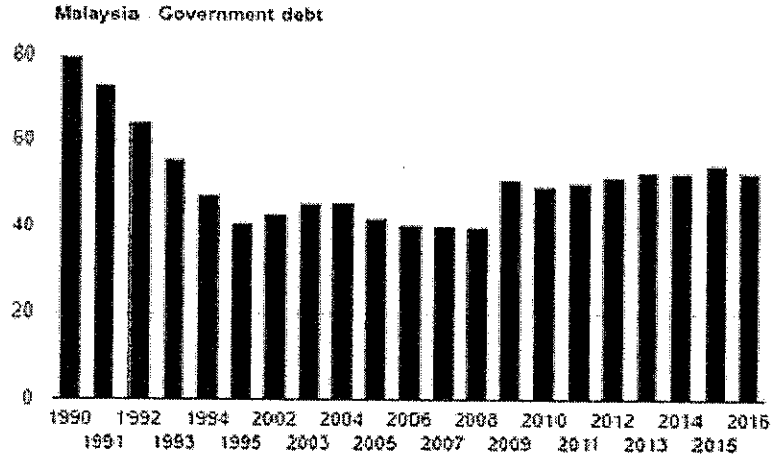
b) The agricultural sector in Malaysia can be divided into estate and smallholders' sub-sectors. Describe **THREE** key characteristics of smallholders' sub-sector. (15 marks)

(Total: 25 marks)

QUESTION 2

a) Malaysia is the second country in Southeast Asia to introduce a digital tax, after Singapore, but may be the first to implement such rules. Discuss the underlying pull-factors of the introduction of digital tax, which is a potential extension of Sales and Services Tax (SST) of digital supplies from non-resident businesses in Malaysia. (15 marks)

b) Figure 1: Government debt in Malaysia from year 1990 to 2016 (in percentage of GDP)



Source: TheGlobalEconomy.com, The World Bank

Refer to the figure above and answer the following questions.

i) How is the government debt in Malaysia calculated? Explain why it is reported as percent of GDP. (4 marks)

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ii) As shown in Figure 1, Malaysia government debt level ranged from 40 percent to 60 percent of GDP in most parts of 1990-2016. Do you consider such debt level to be a problem to the Malaysian economy? (6 marks)

(Total: 25 marks)

QUESTION 3

a) Explain any **THREE** shifts aimed at transforming the education system as outlined in the Malaysia Education Blueprint, 2013-2025. (15 marks)

b) Explain **TWO** main obstacles that Malaysia needs to overcome in order to attract more foreign direct investment to the country. (10 marks)

(Total 25 marks)

QUESTION 4

a) Define globalisation and provide an example of globalization. (10 marks)

b) Discuss any **THREE** effects of globalisation on Malaysian economy. (15 marks)

(Total 25 marks)

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